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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS SENIOR-LEVEL OBSERVATION PROGRAM FOR
MOHAMED SI MOUSSA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ALGERIAN CUSTOMS

REF: (A) CUSTOMS 002070 (B) CUSTOMS 001958

1. OUR CONTACT IN ALGERIAN CUSTOMS INFORMED US
JANUARY 27 THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL SI MOUSSA STILL PLANNING
TO MAKE FEBRUARY 2-27 DATES FOR SENIOR-LEVEL OBSERVATION
PROGRAM. ONLY REMAINING BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLE IS
WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR TRIP WHICH MUST COME FROM
PRESIDENCY. AUTHORIZATION EXPECTED PM JANUARY 27.

2. CUSTOMS CONTACT PLEASED WITH PROGRAM DESCRIBED
REF A AND NOTED THAT SI MOUSSA PARTICULARLY INTERESTED
IN REVENUE COLLECTION. CUSTOMS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR
SATISFACTION THAT RAYMOND BOONE WOULD BE SERVING AS
SI MOUSSA'S ESCORT OFFICER.

3. CUSTOMS CONTACT ALSO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. SI MOUSSA'S BIOGRAPHY: SI MOUSSA IS TAX
SPECIALIST AND FOLLOWING EDUCATION IN THIS DISCIPLINE,
SERVED AS TAX INSPECTOR IN FRENCH COLONIAL ADMIN-
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ISTRATION. AFTER PARTICIPATING IN INDEPENDENCE WAR,

HE BECAME DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR TAXATION, PRESUMABLY
IN FINANCE MINISTRY, IN NEWLY-CREATED ALGERIAN
GOVERNMENT. HE SERVED TOUR AS A COUNSELOR IN
PRESIDENCY BEFORE BECOMING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS.

B. ASSISTANT: NOURREDDINE BENGUESMIA CHADLY,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CUSTOMS AT TLEMCEM, WILL ACCOMPANY
SI MOUSSA.

4. WILL CABLE SI MOUSSA'S ITINERARY AS SOON AS HIS
PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM FULLY NAILED DOWN. GIVEN
SHORTNESS OF TIME, WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT HE TAKE
TWA FLIGHT 891 FROM PARIS, JANUARY 31, ARRIVING
DULLES AIRPORT 1440 EST, JANUARY 31.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM THAT:

A. BOONE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET SI MOUSSA AND
BENGUESMIA CHADLY ON ARRIVAL,

B. WE NEED NOT MAKE SEPARATE REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PER
DIEM RATE FOR BENGUESMIA CHADLY.LYNE

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